

What's Next for CCAWWG? Q&A's

Question: What will we do with the workshop input?

Answer: By the end of March, workshop input and findings will be documented. The CCAWWG technical team will also update the R&D Roadmap (Handouts 1-3) to reflect input received at the workshop. If input is not incorporated by the team, an accounting regarding the disposition of the input will be documented. Workshop findings and an updated version of the roadmap will be posted on the CCAWWG website (<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/workshops/mwwcc/>) by April 30th or sooner. Workshop participants will be notified by e-mail.

Question: What will we do with the handout prioritization sheets?

Answer: The priorities will be synthesized and results posted on the CCAWWG website by the end of March. Workshop participants will be notified by e-mail. The prioritization sheets will also be available to download from the CCAWWG website and submitted electronically through March 15th. The priorities will be used by CCAWWG to help allocate resources to best meet the needs of the Western water and environmental resource managers. Cost sharing and collaboration opportunities will be further explored.

Question: How can I suggest that a gap or research project be added to the R&D Roadmap after the workshop?

Answer: We will post a blank "gap" form, and a blank "research project" form on the CCAWWG website with instructions on how to submit your suggestion.

Question: If I am interested in collaborating on a research project, how can I get involved?

Answer: Contact a CCAWWG technical team member and discuss your interest with them. We are always interested in the expertise that others can bring to our efforts but can only entertain offers of in-kind services. We are not entertaining solicitations to fund others to conduct research efforts at this time.

Question: How can other federal agencies become a part of CCAWWG?

Answer: If your agency has a stake, expertise, or influences Western water management and related issues, contact any CCAWWG management representative to discuss your interests.

Question: How and when will CCAWWG engage state and local entities that have a stake in Western water management as well as university expertise?

Answer: Including input on the R&D Roadmap and collaboration from these non-federal entities is essential to ensure informed and effective research directions. We plan to seek this engagement over the next 6 to 12 months as our federal collaboration gels and we are better positioned to approach non-federal entities with a more organized federal approach. We plan to rely on existing forums to achieve this engagement to the extent possible (e.g. Western States Water Council, Water Resources Research Institutes, etc.).

Question: How will CCAWWG avoid duplicating similar efforts by others?

Answer: We are a federal R&D workgroup focused on research and science support for Managing Western Water as Climate Changes. This is a somewhat unique niche. Close coordination with other related federal and non-federal efforts will be a challenge, but it also a key to underlying strength and effectiveness.